

Please amend the section of the specification entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings", by replacing the entire section with the following:

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FIGS. 1A and 1B are bar graphs showing the survival of dissociated sympathetic neurons grown in collagen gels after 2 or 6 day treatments, respectively, with NT-3 (2 ng/ml) or GDNF (50 ng/ml), in the presence or absence of OP-1.

Please include an Abstract as the last page of the specification after page 29.

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Abstract

OP/BMP morphogen is combined with GDNF/NGF neurotrophic factors in promoting the survival or growth, or inhibiting the death or degeneration, of mammalian cells, particularly neural cells, which express OP/BMP-activated serine/threonine kinase receptors and GDNF/NGF-activated tyrosine kinase receptors. Also disclosed are methods for the treatment of such cells, including treatments for mammals afflicted with, or at imminent risk of, damage or injury to, such cells, as well as new pharmaceutical preparations for such treatments.

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